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December 10, 2003

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445-12th Street, SW
Washington, D C 20554

Dear Sir or Madam

Regarding CC Docket No 02-6, this letter is requesting a review and a waiver of the SLD decision on FRN 1026011 for 471 application 369944

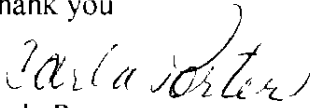
The SLD has reviewed my appeal and denied it due to "out of window " Please grant a waiver of deadline and reverse the SLD denial of funding for FRN 1026011

The funding request was denied "due to 30% or more of the requested amount being for ineligible services " This conclusion is erroneous The SLD erred when it figured the ineligible amount

This request is for phone service only, and I have numbers from our phone company as well as past bills which clearly show the requested amount is well within acceptable limits

Please review the attached documentation which I sent to the SLD I know you will find that this request is legitimate Granted, I missed the appeal deadline During the time period I received the appeal, I was struggling with a family tragedy I survived only by the grace of God No amount of preparation could have planned for the circumstances It was beyond my control I appeal to your mercy and ask that you reinstate funding for this FRN because it is a legitimate request for discounts on local and long distance phone service

Thank you


Carla Porter
Holyoke School District
Billed Entity 142260

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September 22, 2003

Letter of appeal
Schools and Libranes Division
Box 125 – Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Dear Sir or Madam

This letter is to appeal the SLD Funding Commitment Decision for Funding Request Number 1026011.

In your letter dated June 30, 2003, you claimed that the request for funding was denied due to 30% or more of the requested amount being for ineligible services.

This FRN was for phone service. In the 471 application, 369944, I indicated that approximately \$55.00 per month of our phone bill was for ineligible phone costs. Our total monthly charges averaged approximately \$1391. I arrived at this figure by averaging three of our district's monthly payments to the phone company (see attached)

I have reviewed the current eligible services list, and concede that more than \$55 of our monthly phone bill could be considered ineligible; however, according to the information I provided to the SLD, the most that could be considered ineligible is \$120.61. Even so, the \$65.61 which I did not record as ineligible services is only 5% of the requested amount, nowhere near \$400.80, which is 30%.

Our school has a close relationship with our local phone company. We are a small town (around 2,000 people). I see phone company employees in the grocery store. They are parents of our school children. I assure you, I only seek the amount allowed by the federal government's guidelines. If necessary, I would file a form 500, to lower the total requested amount.

I realize I have missed the appeal deadline. I apologize. There are some extenuating circumstances which I would ask you to consider before rejecting this appeal. They include: I am not a year-round employee so the Funding Commitment Decision Letter did not cross my desk until August 14th; our district's superintendent is new this year and was not aware of the appeal deadlines either; I have suffered a great personal tragedy which I won't bore you with, but could explain why this funding request decline slipped by my attention. I honestly confused this FRN request with another that I did not expect to be funded.

I am willing to do whatever you deem necessary to rectify this situation. FRN #1026011 really is for eligible services. I believe the SLD erred when it figured the ineligible amount and should therefore reinstate the discount.

Providing Holyoke School District with affordable phone service is exactly the intent of the act which created the Universal Service fund. Especially in our current budget crunch year, please do what you can to help ensure our school can financially support its mission of educating students.

Thank you for your careful review of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carla Porter".

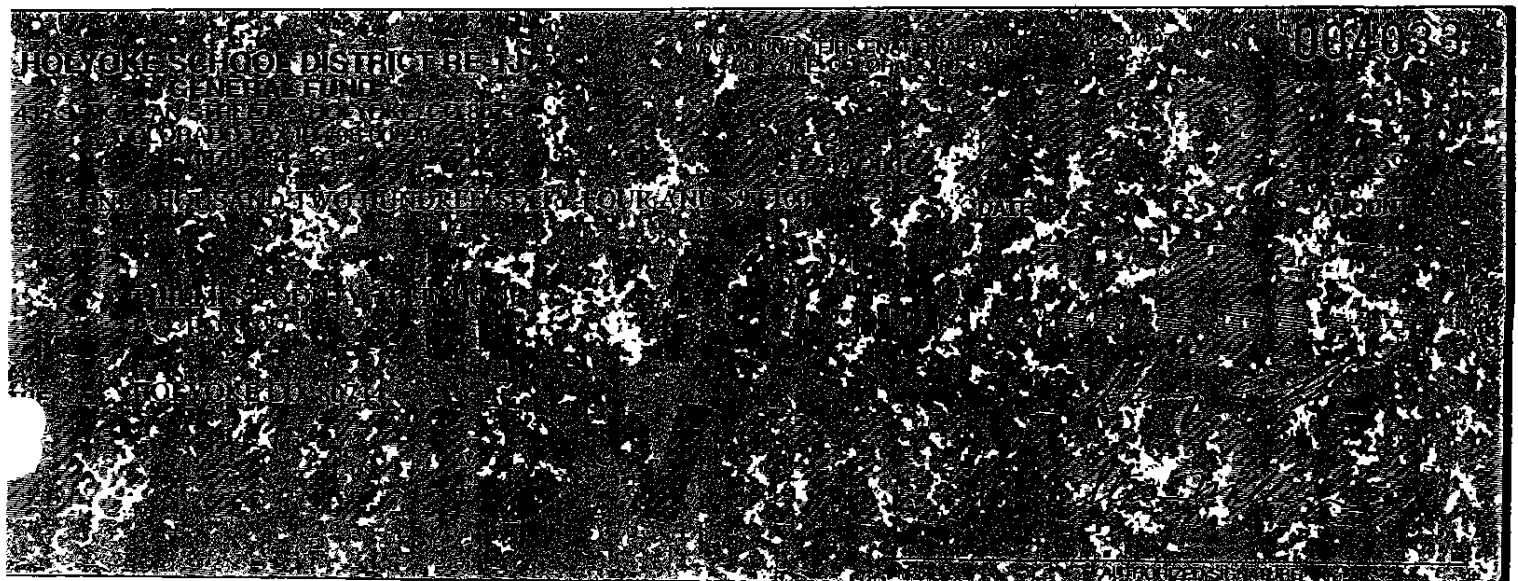
Carla Porter
Holyoke School District Librarian
Billed Entry # 142260
Regarding FRN #1026011
For 471 # 369944

And

Stephen Bohrer
Holyoke School District Superintendent
Authorized Representative
(970) 854-3634

Net Amount	\$1,264.59	PHILLIPS COUNTY TELEPHONE CO	City of 12/14/2001	City of 12/14/2001
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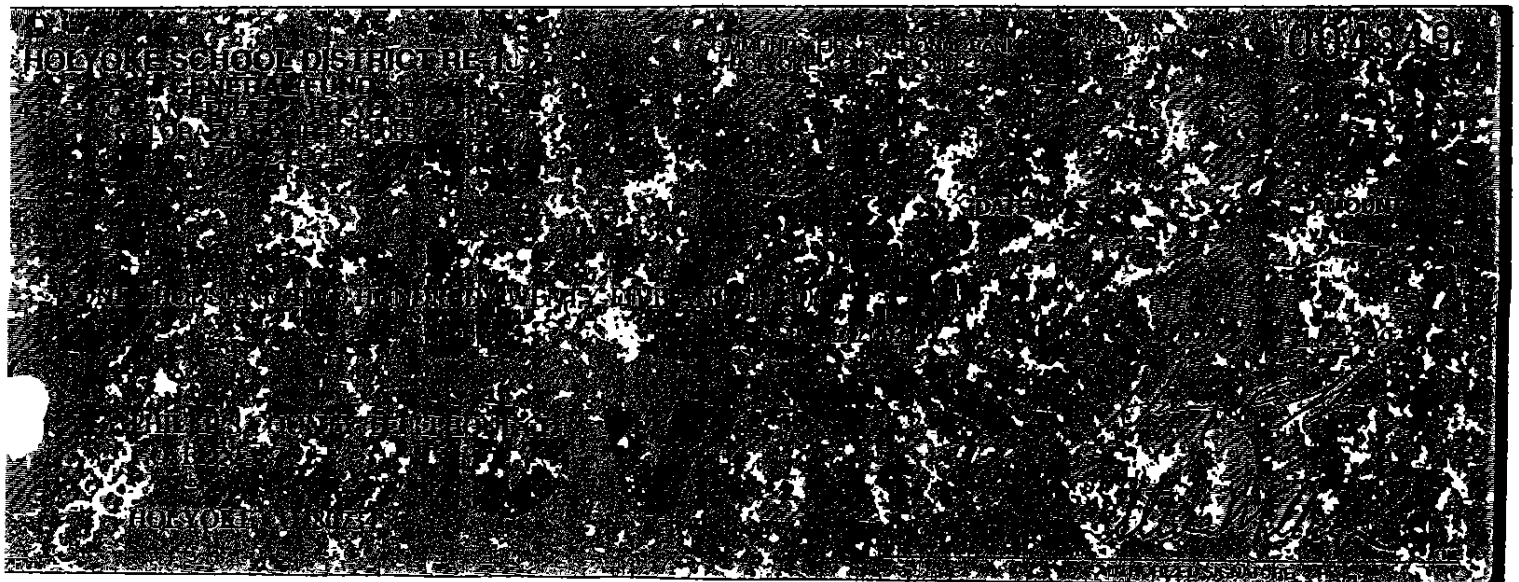


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Carla Porter

From: sldnoreply@sl.universalservice.org
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2003 7:04 AM
To: porterca@hcosd.org
Subject: RE: Initial Contact

Thank you for your inquiry. Your appeal was postmarked on 09/22/2003 which is past the 60 day appeal deadline since the date on your FCDL is 06/30/2003.

You will be receiving an out of window letter regarding your appeal.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our Schools and Libraries Helpline at 1-888-203-8100. Please remember to visit our website for updates:
<http://www.sl.universalservice.org>

Thank you,
Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

-----Original Message-----

From: porterca@hcosd.org
Subject: Initial Contact

[FirstName]=Carla
[LastName]=Porter
[EmailAddress]=porterca@hcosd.org
[WorkPhone]=9708542284
[FaxPhone]=9708542441
[PreviousCaseNumber]=0

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